

SLAWSON ANNOUNCES HE FAVORS TWELVE MONTHS OF SCHOOL

ALSO BELIEVES IN 12 MONTHS SCHEDULE
OF PAY FOR TEACHERS—BOARD MUST
GRANT AT LEAST \$750,000 FOR
NEW SCHOOLS.

That the Board of Apportionment must give the school board at least \$750,000 of the \$2,500,000 asked for building purposes and an increase of 25 per cent if the board is to be able to run the schools properly in 1920 is the opinion of Superintendent Samuel J. Slawson. Mr. Slawson also said this morning that he favored a 12 months schedule of pay for the teachers and a 12 month school year instead of the 40 week system now in use.

Mr. Slawson points out that should the board get only \$600,000 they would only be able to build the Grand street school which has been planned and the land made ready. The crying need of the city is a new high school. With \$750,000 the Grand street school could be built, the land purchased and plans drawn for the new high school which could be started in 1921. Without this money the land could not be bought and without the land no plans could be drawn for the building.

On the first of next month the superintendent claims that over 300 more boys and girls will enter the high school and this is already crowded and on part time with the high school being used as an overflow school. The addition of 300 more boys and girls on February 1 will mean that the entire two buildings will be on part time with a five period morning and afternoon. This means that the children's education is shortened by half of them attending school in the morning and the other half in the afternoon and they all get a five period session where the regular schedule calls for six periods.

With both high schools on half time schedules and the teachers doing double work Mr. Slawson says he is greatly worried about next year. He points out that he may be able to take care for another year but not more than that. He hopes in that time to have the new high school built and with the board of apportionment giving the school board \$750,000 to work with toward new buildings. Mr. Slawson believes that it can be done by 1921.

To say the least the school officials are surprised at the statement made by Chairman William Seeley of the apportionment board that he was going to cut the appropriation for new buildings in view of the fact that Mayor Wilson when he appeared before the school board told them to go ahead with building plans and send the amount which they needed to care for the situation for the next two or three years. Unless the mayor takes an active interest in the school appropriation intimations are floating around that charges of "double dealing" may be made public.

In regard to the teachers of Bridgeport schools Mr. Slawson says there are several vacancies which now exist and which he is having a hard time to fill. He says that with the advent of new classes in February he will need more teachers, especially in the high school. It is claimed that Mr. Slawson has scoured the country for high school teachers and he cannot secure them at any price. To meet this situation he has taken three college graduates now teaching in grammar grades and transferred them to the high school. This leaves three more vacancies to be filled.

Mr. Slawson said this morning that Bridgeport has fallen behind in her schedule of pay for the teachers until today none can be secured from the larger cities. Even if the full increase recommended in the school board's regulation was granted he points out that this city will be far from paying the highest rate in the region. Bridgeport has always had the reputation of being in the front rank of this line.

Bridgeport's superintendent put himself on record this morning as favoring a schedule of pay the 12 months in the year, instead of a 40 week basis, and he also said that he was in favor of school twelve months in the year. With this schedule he said that competent athletic instructors would be engaged and the children given an adequate opportunity to have recreation and games and he believes that under this system the boys and girls would learn a great deal more as they would take a healthy interest in their work.

In a table of figures paid teachers in the middle west states as compared with skilled laborers Mr. Slawson points out that the teachers are badly underpaid. He shows that a machinist in the middle west receives an average of \$1,900 a year, the same as bricklayers and fitters while high school teachers get but about \$1,000 a year. Intermediate teachers get \$900 and elementary teachers an average of \$700.

CONFERENCE ON ADRIATIC TO TAKE ALL DAY

London, Jan. 6.—Premier Nitti and Foreign Minister Scialoja of Italy attended this morning a conference in Downing street at which Premier Lloyd George, Earl Curzon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Andrew Bonar Law, Government leader in the House of Commons, and Marchese Orsini, Italian minister, were present. It is expected the conference will last all day, as Adriatic matters are under discussion.

WILL ACCEPT UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE ONLY

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—The appeal of William O. Jenkins, American Consul Agent at Puebla, for nullification of his release on bail was denied Monday by Criminal Judge Escudero, in Puebla. According to Jenkins, the \$500 bond furnished by J. Salter Hansen, another American, was given without his knowledge or consent. Jenkins, who was arrested on charges of collusion with the bandits who kidnapped him last October, declares he would accept only unconditional release.

No More Deportations Until Soviet Ark Lands

NEARLY 3,000 RADICALS WILL BE TRIED IN
DISTRICTS IN WHICH THEY
WERE TAKEN

HALLIDAY IS DEFENDANT IN DIVORCE ACTION

Served Term in Connection
With Alleged Criminal
Real Estate Deals.

William A. Halliday, who served a term in the county jail for his alleged criminal acts in connection with Garfield avenue real estate, has been sued for divorce by Lois Irving Halliday of Fairfield. Since his release from jail last year Halliday has disappeared and his wife's counsel, Attorneys Foster & Morgan, declare they were not able to locate him. It is known that he went to his old home in Massachusetts after his release from the North avenue institution but no trace could be found of him after that.

NO WORD YET TO USE UPTON AS RED CAMP

Expect to Start Deportation
Hearings Today.

New York, Jan. 6.—General Bullard, commanding the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island, today received no instructions from the war department to turn over Camp Upton to the immigration authorities as a concentration camp for anarchists seized in recent raids.

Ernest H. Uhl, Acting Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, said today that he had made no request for the use of Camp Upton, and that there was ample space on the island unless the number arrested should run into the thousands.

"With immigration continuing at its present rate," he said, "we could accommodate about 1,000 anarchist cases, or double the present number, on the island provided we had sufficient help, and for this help I have made requests to Washington in vigorous terms."

Immigration inspectors at the island expected to start deportation hearings today.

ASSERTS WIFE HAD HUSBAND IN CANADA

Asserting that his wife already had a husband in Canada when she married him, Vincent Condella of this city has started divorce proceedings against Georgianna Dube Condella of this city to have the marriage declared null and void. Condella says he married the defendant in 1914. She told him she was a single woman and he relied upon her statement.

Later the husband declares he learned that the defendant had been married to Ernest Dube in Canada in 1904 and that the latter was still living and not divorced. After that Condella refused to live with the defendant. The wife's maiden name was Georgianna Cournoyer.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES FOR ROOSEVELT

New York, Jan. 6.—Memorial exercises for Theodore Roosevelt, who died one year ago today, were held here, and in other cities throughout the country. Many friends of the former president made a pilgrimage to his grave at Oyster Bay. Special services were held in the public schools of the nation.

The Roosevelt Memorial Association, which is collecting funds to perpetuate his memory, made the day the occasion for increased efforts to obtain new members to assist in the work.

Prosecute Sellers Of 2.75 Beer

Those Dispensing Beverage Since Passage of
Law Are Guilty.

ALL MATTER OF RECORD

Washington, Jan. 6.—Immediately after the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of provisions of the Volstead act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquors containing one-half of one per cent or more of alcohol, the department of justice began preparations for the prosecution of all persons who have sold beer since the passage of the act last October.

Cases against those who manufactured 2.75 beer before the Volstead act was passed were dismissed, but all manufacturers and retailers who have dealt in beer since the act was passed have been recorded by the Department of Justice and they will be made defendants in cases to be started soon.

ASK \$10,000 FOR DEATH OF ANNIE HOLT

Boarding arolley When Hit
By McCarthy's Car.

To recover damages for the death of Annie E. Holt, who was struck and killed by an automobile in November, 1918, John Holt, administrator on her estate, appeared in the Superior court today to testify in his suit against Charles J. McCarthy of this city, owner of the car. Damages of \$10,000 are asked.

It is alleged that on the day of the fatality Mrs. Holt was attempting to board a trolley car on Fairfield avenue in the Black Rock section. She was in the highway near the trolley tracks when she was hit by McCarthy's machine. Attorney John Smith, counsel for Holt, claims the McCarthy car was driven in a negligent manner and at high speed. This is denied by the defendant's counsel, Attorney H. J. Lavery. The suit is being tried before Judge Keel and a jury and the trial was resumed this afternoon.

12 LEADING DEMOCRATS ARE TO SPEAK

Washington, Jan. 6.—Twelve of the leading figures of the Democratic party, including most of those prominently mentioned for the Presidential nomination, are on the list of speakers made public today for the Jackson Day Dinner to be held here Thursday night.

A message from President Wilson will be read first at the banquet and speeches will be made by the following: William J. Bryan, Secretary Daniels, Attorney General Palmer, Governor Cox of Ohio; James W. Girard, former ambassador to Germany; Champ Clark of Missouri, former speaker of the House; Governor Cornwell of West Virginia; Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska, Pomeroy of Ohio, Underwood of Alabama, and Owen of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Peter Oleson, assistant member of the National Committee from Minnesota.

COMMITTEE IS TO INVESTIGATE NAVAL AWARDS

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Senate Naval Affairs committee voted ten to one today to authorize investigation by sub-committee of five of the controversy over awards of medals to officers of the Navy for service. Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, voted against the resolution while Senator Swanson, Democrat, opposed investigation but voted with the majority.

7,000 MADE HOMELESS.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Seven thousand persons were made temporarily homeless by the flood in the river Seine, which reached its crest yesterday, according to estimates. At the same time, 21,000 were thrown out of work by the high water.

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10 ALLEGED REDS IN JAIL AT HARTFORD

There are now 110 persons held in the Hartford County jail as liable to deportation, according to the latest count of federal authorities. Two more men, Stanislaw Kaminsky and Fidor Klevyia, arrested in New Haven early this morning, increased the total from the recent raids to 67. One of the radicals taken was caught in Hartford Monday evening, Levinsky, a Russian, a Russian of 1148 Broad street, increasing the number captured in raids in this city to six.

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To Be Run From Miami to
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JUDGE TO HEAR SUIT WITH ONE IN HOSPITAL

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In addition to these there are the Communist Labor Party and "other revolutionary" organizations working actively to accomplish the same ends as well as many other bodies which agree with their principles and encourage their activities without participating openly in them, the Senator said.

"While much has been done in the state of New York by federal, state and local authorities to retard the revolutionary movement, it is imperative that we should not be lulled into a sense of false security by exaggerated statements of what has been accomplished," Senator Lusk continued. "Statements to the effect that the backbone of the radical revolutionary movement is broken and that we have reached the beginning of the decline of organized rabid revolutionism throughout the country are absurd."

"The arrests already made in the state on the charge of criminal anarchy and for deportation hardly scratch the surface of the situation. There are revolutionary organizations throughout all parts of the state."

"These organizations have been permitted to reach such proportions that in my opinion the only way that they can be destroyed is for the loyal citizens in each community to petition such organizations as are necessary and co-operate with the federal, state and local authorities in uncovering and prosecuting these traitors on much the same lines as they organized and worked during the war to discover and apprehend traitors and gave their support to the government in that crisis."

Youngstown, O., Jan. 6.—Twenty-three alleged radicals were arrested here last night and early today in a continuation of the drive by federal agents.

Among the prisoners are Daniel Dull and Clara G. Dull, said to be organizers of the communist labor party, and D. J. Metcalf, said to be an I. W. W. organizer. Federal agents said they were asking for more warrants and intimating that scores of additional arrests will be made.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSED BIG LOSS OF LIFE

Damage in Many Sections
Serious—No Estimates
of Dead.

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—Only two houses are left standing in the village of Cuicuilan, state of Vera Cruz, where no estimate has been placed on the number of dead and injured resulting from Saturday night's earthquake, according to reports received here.

Eleven bodies have been recovered from the river at San Fran de la Pena, Vera Cruz, in addition to 24 at Racedona.

Twelve soldiers were among those buried under the ruins of the church at Coscomatepec shaken down by the earthquake.

Reports from Jalapa, Vera Cruz, say that the damages at Coscomatepec and Teocelo, to the southwest of Jalapa, are exceedingly serious, although there are no estimates of the dead and injured. At Jalapa two persons were killed and twenty injured.

3 DEAD; ONE DYING.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Three children were found dead, their mother and another child dying in a house here today. They had inhaled fumes from an open gas stove. The family, known only by the name of Galors, came recently from Detroit.

\$3,000 ESTATE.

The estate of Polly Upton, valued at \$3,000, was filed today for probate. The majority of the estate is land owned in Bridgeport. E. D. Beach and Paul Griffith are the appraisers.

ANDERSON ESTATE \$1,200.

The estate of Elling N. Anderson was entered for probate this morning valued at about \$1,200, consisting of cash in the bank. Andrew Anderson is the executor of the estate.

Mary E. Munson left \$2,300 according to the inventory of her estate filed in probate court today. L. G. Gerard and Thomas Bracken are appraisers.

CADILLAC ROADSTER TAKEN.

A Cadillac roadster, owned by James Burr of Long Hill, was stolen from its garage last night. The theft has been reported to the local police, and authorities of surrounding towns and cities have been asked to be on the lookout for the missing machine.